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Ben Ringsdorf buried in Arlington

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba native and ex-POW Dr. Herbert Benjamin Ringsdorf, "Ben" to Elba folks, was found dead of an apparent heart attack in his Mobile, AL home on Friday, February 13, 1998.

He had closed his Mobile medical practice several years ago, due to personal medical problems.

Ringsdorf was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery with 10 of his prisoner-of-war comrades looking on. The rainy, dreary day was interrupted by sun rays breaking through the clouds as the solemn ceremony got underway.

"And when one of the other prisoners was sick, Ben would always be there to take care of them."

A reporter from the Washington bureau of The Mobile Register attended the funeral and wrote a moving tribute to one of Elba's favorite sons.

The U. S. Air Force Band and a 21-gun salute paid tribute to the sacrifice made by Ringsdorf, during his duty as a fighter pilot of an Air Force F-4C Phantom jet and his six-and-a-half years in a chain of North Vietnam POW camps.

Giles Norrington, of Alexandria, Va. said he shared 1968 and 1969 with Ringsdorf in the North Vietnamese prison camp known as "The Plantation."

All ten of the former POW's who attended the funeral said they had spent time with Ringsdorf when he was an Air Force first lieutenant in captivity after his plane was shot down over Vietnam.

Many of the former POW's have kept in touch over the years since their release from the camps and return to the U.S., even after Dr.

Ringsdorf returned to Alabama, gained a medical degree and set up his practice in Mobile. Word that Ringsdorf had been found dead spread fast. But the funeral date was changed, and an e-mail message notifying the former POW's of the Friday ceremony couldn't be circulated until the night before. Still the 10 made it to Arlington.

According to the news story, there was little talk of Ringsdorf's failing health or his battle with the Internal Revenue Service that reportedly began shortly after his release from a North Vietnamese prison in 1973. The IRS claims he owes the government about \$50,000, according to his lawyer and papers his daughter Lillian found in his home following his death.

"I knew Ben when all he had was a pair of shorts and sandals, and a lot of will power," said Ron Bliss, a Houston, Texas lawyer. Bliss estimated that he and Ringsdorf spent three and a half years together in various North Vietnamese prisons.

"He could sing gospel and he could sing rock 'n' roll," Bliss said. "And when one of the other prisoners was sick, Ben would always be there to take care of them."

Ringsdorf was shot down on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1966, after flying more than 170 combat missions. He was on a reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam at the time. After nearly seven years as a POW, he was released on February 18, 1973.

His return to Alabama and Elba was marked with celebration. A large group of Elba citizens was at Maxwell Field when his late night flight landed in Montgomery. A reception in the Governor's mansion was followed by home town honors and the erection of a monument, intended for Ben, but at his request, honoring all POW's.

A member of the honor guard in his funeral carried the POW/MIA flag in the procession through the na-

tion's premier military cemetery. It's said to be the only flag other than Old Glory to have flown over the White House.

The flag-draped coffin, covered in plastic because of the rain, was placed on a caisson the color of a gun barrel for the last few hundred feet. As the seven gray horses pulling the cart approached the funeral tent, the marching band began playing the Air Force anthem.

"...She has an awful lot to be proud of about her father."

The rain began to subside around the time Bliss finished his eulogy. By the time each of the riflemen fired off three rounds in unison, about 15 minutes before noon, the rain had stopped and the sun had found a spot between the clouds.

After Taps was played, the flag was removed from the coffin, folded in the familiar military triangular

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Town of New Brockton in good financial shape

by Marvin McLWain - Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held a "routine" monthly meeting Monday evening lasting less than a half-hour.

Bruce Keel with the accounting firm of Barr Brunson Wilkerson & Bowden PC, CPA's gave the members of the city council a good financial report.

He commented that the town's general funds of both the town and water and sewer department were up as well as the assets.

Keel noted that the liabilities of the town were down but the liabilities of the water & sewer department were up. This was due to the large loan for the recent sewer improvement project.

The accountant pointed out that the expenditures for the general fund were down while the expenditures for the special revenue were up. This was because the recreation board had made several improvements to the ballfields and the volunteer fire department was in the process of building a new building.

Keel noted that the revenues of the water and sewer board were up while the expenditures were down.

He noted that this year's auditors showed a vast improvement in the water and sewer board and that the town's general fund and special revenue were about the same as in prior years.

Councilman Ron McMonagle asked Keel why the water and sewer board was included in the town's audit since it operates as a separate entity.

"It's an accounting issue," responded Keel. "Generally accepted accounting principles require that the water and sewer board be entwined with the town... This presents a complete picture."

He pointed out that when grants are applied for and bond issues are required, the government agencies involved want to see a complete picture of the town's assets.

Keel noted that even though the water and sewer board is a separate entity, its members are appointed by the council and members of the town council (3) make up a majority of the board.

The council voted to accept the town's audit as given.

In other matters of business, the council voted to discontinue the issuance of cigarette tax stamps. A different method of accounting for the tax on tobacco products will be utilized.

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CROOKED BRIDGE GETS MINOR REPAIRS...Motorists traveling up Smith Avenue via the bridge over Whitewater Creek at the levee have been inconvenienced during recent days. State bridge crews have been performing some routine maintenance on the underside of the bridge. The bridge belongs to the city of Elba, however, when it was turned over to the city, the state, in a written agreement, agreed to provide routine maintenance on the bridge. The crew has been performing some steel work and filling cracks in the concrete support structures. The bridge, overall, is in good shape considering its age and what it has undergone in the past few years. Not long ago, the complete underside of the bridge received a paint job.

Elba police ask for businesses to help in check forgery cases

by Marvin McLWain - Editor

The Elba Police Department is asking for the local business community's help in preventing check forgeries or in the solving of those incidences in which forged checks are passed.

During recent months, investigators have been working on cases in the city where a number of forged checks have been cashed.

One of the major problems police have encountered is the lack of information received from the person passing the forged instrument. Naturally, a person passing a forged check is going to give as little information as possible about himself or herself.

Without some type information being obtained from the business or person accepting the forged check, it is virtually impossible for the police to find and prosecute the offender.

Police are asking that anyone accepting a check require some type identification on the person passing said check.

Cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated by officers investigating forged checks.

Any questions concerning the type information needed, or identification that should be asked for, should be directed to the investigative division of the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

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CITY RECEIVES COMMITMENT FOR \$100,000.00... Pictured above are State Representative Garreth Moore (left) and State Senator Dwight Adams presenting Elba Mayor James Grimes (center) with a letter of commitment from the Alabama Department of Transportation for \$100,000.00 to be used for paving various streets. In a letter from Transportation Director Jimmy Butts, he stated, "Gov. Fob James and I have agreed to make available the \$100,000.00 of State Public Road and Bridge funds for the city's use on the subject projects." Butts went on to say that the grant was made at the request of Sen. Adams and Rep. Moore. Both Moore and Adams stated they were pleased to be able to help Elba in acquiring this grant. "It is always a pleasure to work with city officials in meeting the needs of the citizens of Elba," they both said. Mayor Grimes stated that a decision will be made in the near future as to which streets will be resurfaced using the grant funds. The resurfacing project will be initiated through the DOT's Division office in Troy.

QUALIFIERS' LIST

The list of those qualifying for public office is beginning to show signs of growth.

As of Tuesday evening at press time, those who have filed qualifying papers in the probate judge's office or at the state level are as follows:

Alabama State Senate - District 31: Jimmy Holley - Democrat.
12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney: Mark Fuller - Republican.
Sheriff of Coffee County: R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth - Democrat.
Ben Moates - Democrat.
Coroner - Elba Division: Marvin McLWain.
Coroner - Enterprise Division:

Tim Whitehead.
Constable - Beat 15: Howard P. Lee.

Beat Committee Person - Beat 20: Lanette B. Boutwell.; Richard J. Spurlin.

Beat Committee Person - Beat 2: Mack Donaldson.

Beat Committee Person - Beat 15: Ray Hurd.

Beat Committee Person - Beat 6: Jackson W. Stokes.

State Democratic Committee Person - District 91: Bill Stokes.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We have not heard if the Elba Lions Club found their sausage cooker yet, even with all our begging for it's return, but they better have me a couple of those Kelley sausage fried up Saturday morning! Their breakfast is called a pancake breakfast, but without all the special Elba trimmings, their highly successful event would turn downhill. Oh, you can also get the usual blood pressure and blood sugar checks and this year they will have the eye screening bus standing by to check all their favorite (Elba) people.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow said this week that there will be some people going around town in the next few weeks asking a lot of personal questions. They will have letters of identifications from Elba Mayor James Grimes. This is part of an ongoing effort to obtain additional grant funds for sewer system upgrading. If anyone has any questions about these people, call city hall to confirm if they are legit.

While discussing city business, door-to-door peddling in residential sections is against city ordinances, even with a business license. They can call on commercial establishments with a business license, but not your home. Peddlers can only come to your home with a prior invitation. Have such a visitor, call the police!

The headlines on the daily papers one day this week proclaimed that tort reform was dead in the Alabama legislature! Now that is about the most non-news to come out of Montgomery in a long time. Those who know Montgomery politics were apparently right early on when they said, "With Lt. Governor Don Siegelman presiding over the Alabama Senate, there is about as much chance of that passing as a snowball surviving in Hell." Now if you want to buy a lottery ticket at the neighborhood store, our friend Don is ready to help you, but only after he is elected governor "because Bob would stop it now."

A hat helps keeps the head, as well as the whole body warm. The experts said it and we believe it. This winter we are wearing a hat more than ever before. One given as a Christmas gift some years ago is even big enough for this big noggin. Well, a few weeks ago it got lost... it just was not where it was left hanging in the church! After searching almost everywhere, it became apparent that some Methodist brother also had a big head and now a hat for it. A Baptist lady said, "No, a Methodist would not do that but now we Baptists have to watch our hats and coats." Now after all that anguish the hat is found and everyone deserves an apology. It was right where the forgetful owner left it and not at any of the places we were looking. God please forgive us and maybe one day we can do something to make up for thinking such had thoughts about our fellow human beings.

There was a cute cartoon which passed across our desk several days ago. It announced that there was no more worry about the bad weather in California. However they were now trying to sell miles and miles of beach front property in Utah! For anyone not familiar with the map of the US, if California falls into the ocean, the next state is Utah.

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pattern and given to Lingsdorf's 22-year-old daughter, Rillian. As the service ended, some people walked across the street to the burial site. The ceremony couldn't be held there because the rains over the past week had made the grounds soft.

The fellow POW's hugged each other and one said, "We're still standing, pal!" They then talked about when they

would see each other again, hoping it would not be for another of their fallen friends. "We're going to these more and more often," said another of the prison camp survivors. "I told Lillian that we're not done," Bliss said. "There are so many stories I have to tell her, but it's going to take time. She has a few to tell me to be proud of about her father."

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service on March 7, 1998. The company is in the process of distributing new garbage containers. Anyone not understanding the policy and procedures concerning the garbage collection should contact city hall at 894-5550.

Mayor Lee noted that the new company will continue the policy of back-door pick-up for the elderly citizens of the town.

The mayor also "just for the record" commented that the council had passed the town ordinance pertaining to junk cars.

He noted that it had been updated allowing for "stiffer laws."

Letters will now be sent out to those individuals having "junk cars" on their property informing them that they have 30 days from the date of the letter to "do something with the car" or the town will be forced to take action.

The council voted to pay monthly bills totaling \$28,319.67. The mayor commented that the bills were higher

this month because an additional three to four thousand dollars had been paid on the note at the bank.

"As of right now on February 28, the balance in our [town's] check book is \$27,765.00," said Mayor Lee.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his department, during the month, has investigated 9 complaints, made 5 criminal arrests, investigated 3 automobile accidents with no injuries, and issued 16 traffic citations.

He reported that the fire department had responded to one house fire and the rescue squad has answered 12 calls.

On a final note, Councilman McMonagle reported that video records with audio had been installed in the police cars and were being used to record all traffic stops.

"This is definitely going to help us out in the police department," he said.

The council adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Two-year colleges vitally important to state of Alabama

by Dr. Fred Gairns, Chancellor Ala. Dept. of Postsecondary Education

As the result of the changing economy, facing Alabama's citizens, the impact of global competition, and adjustments to labor market needs, Alabamians find themselves competing for fewer and fewer but increasingly high tech jobs.

Adult students are turning to two-year colleges to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to enter the workforce. These students are also seeking assistance in further developing workplace skills, and in securing technical education which was unnecessary or unavailable when they took low tech jobs soon after high school.

In a workplace becoming increasingly automated and technical, students who graduated from high school seven to ten years ago are unlikely to have adequate computer skills to remain successful in today's competitive job market. This trend will intensify over time.

Students and employers have increased their demands on two-year colleges to design courses that will teach the precise skills workers need. They will continue to increase their demands for colleges to develop partnerships with local businesses and industries, to design credit and non-credit courses for workers who need instruction ranging from quick refreshers to long-term theory-based education.

This education will increasingly include not only technical and computer skills, but also foreign language skills, workplace literacy skills, and remedial developmental courses designed for adults and aimed at improving basic reading and writing skills.

To measure the success of two-year colleges only by counting the number of associate degrees awarded is to ignore completely the broader, more important mission which society and the economy have imposed upon our two-year colleges. Many two-year college students do not intend to achieve a degree or certificate, but attend classes in order to perform better in jobs which they already have, or in order to develop work-related skills which they lack.

In the future, the success of two-year colleges will be measured by student goal attainment and satisfaction, job placement rates, and employer satisfaction, not by numbers of students completing degrees.

To be sure, two-year college students will continue to seek degrees, and degree-seeking students, particularly in the traditional liberal arts and transfer areas, will continue to be an important segment of the two-year college population.

Today, less than half of two-year college students indicate an intent to pursue a liberal arts transfer degree. It is projected that over the next decade, students will still seek,

and our colleges will still award, liberal arts transfer degrees.

But the ratio will increasingly shift to the occupational sector. Currently, the great majority of all the awards made by Alabama's two-year colleges are in the occupational area. This is in stark contrast to two-year colleges 30 years ago, when only a tiny fraction of the students were involved in occupational programs.

In even greater contrast, a growing number of two-year college students will be students who have already secured a bachelor's degree, and who are returning as participants in occupational programs and specialized training.

A growing number of students will be students who transfer from four-year colleges and universities. This is a reflection of the fact that two-year colleges in Alabama and across the nation serve a highly mobile labor force, and that they offer the lifelong learning opportunities so vital to a productive life in the new economy.

To prepare today's working adult students for the new economy, two-year colleges have developed flexible, non-traditional schedules. It is not uncommon in Alabama to see the parking lots of two-year colleges crowded at night and on the weekend.

Educational opportunities must be made available at times which do not interfere with the demands of the workplace. Similarly, it is not uncommon to find two-year

colleges offering training in the workplace itself. Such work-based education offers optimum convenience for employees and employers, and permits training to be customized to the special needs of particular businesses and industries. These kinds of adaptations will be necessary to prepare our citizens for the new economy.

Labor market needs will continue to expand the critical importance of the role of the two-year colleges in Alabama and in the nation. Eighty percent of the new jobs which become available within the next decade will be jobs in information technologies, which have rapidly become an expanding specialty of two-year colleges.

Eighty percent of the new jobs available in the next decade will require a minimum of two years of postsecondary education. Seventy-five percent of the people working today will still be in the workforce in the next decade, and they will need continuous training and re-training.

Two-year college graduates today earn 24 percent more in the workplace than their coworkers with just a high school diploma. Our society, nationally and locally, cannot thrive in the new economy unless we make postsecondary education and training accessible to the broadest possible range of citizens.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

FEBRUARY 23 Thru MARCH 1, 1998

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, February 23, 1998, investigated the following incidents: three thefts of property, two harassment, four criminal trespasses, one disorderly conduct, one DUI, one reckless driving, and one assault.

Arrests made during the week were: (1) one for reckless driving, one for public intoxication, two unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, one for burglary, one for disorderly conduct, and one for resisting arrest.

Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: seven for speeding, two for reckless driving, and one for DUI.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - River stage - 13.16 feet (6:30 a.m.); Wreck reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (4:29 p.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - River stage - 11.70 feet (6:04 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - River stage - 11.24 feet (6:22 a.m.); Rescue run from Dothan to Elba Nursing Home (10:29 a.m.); Burglary reported at the American Legion building (11:14 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Reynolds St. (3:02 p.m.); Wreck reported on Highland Dr. (3:05 p.m.); Rescue activity.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - Possible fight reported on Simmons St. (12:12 a.m.); River stage - 10.69 feet (6:00 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Cherokee Dr. (9:00 a.m.); Rescue run from Taylor Mill Oaks to Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp (3:28 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Washington Ave. (4:43 p.m.).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - Alarm at Southeast Pharmaceutical on Troy Highway (2:20 a.m.); River stage - 16.12 feet (6:12 a.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - River stage - 13.60 feet (6:15 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Co. Rd. 220 (8:57 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 417 (1:15 p.m.); Fire reported at Powell's Trailer Park on Caroline St. (8:26 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 - River stage - 12.35 feet (6:30 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of AL Hwy. 1895 and U. S. Hwy. 84W (6:58 p.m.); Routine activity.

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S.S. REP. Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30 - 1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213. ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday 6:00 - Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. ELBA MINISTERS ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m. - City Hall. WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6:00 p.m. - City Hall. COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex 9th New Brockton. LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center. ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thru 5:30 p.m. - South Elba High School. AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thru 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy. RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building. MASONIC LODGE 179 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. BAND BOOSTERS 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room in Elba High School. VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30. New Brockton 4th Farm Center Complex 894-5885. COFFEE COUNTY CO-HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 10 a.m. - Club House. 3rd COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - Wed. Noon - Coffee Inn, Enterprise. AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday 12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room. AARP Meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month. CIVIL AIR PATROL Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport (Dissell) hangar.

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The Duttons

The Dutton Family World Tour coming to Enterprise Saturday, March 14

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traditional bluegrass to Enterprise High School Auditorium on March 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Since the beginning of their professional career, The Duttons have

earned praise from critics and standing ovations all over the United States, Canada and Europe.

The children play a variety of instruments ranging from violin and fiddle to guitar and bass, viola, cello, banjo, mandolin, keyboard, harmonica, and drums. Several have not only won recognition in national fiddling contests, but also have garnered praise and awards in classical violin competitions. The children also carry on the fine old American tradition of clogging, and having been recognized as superb vocal talents. Their unique blend of vocal harmonies has captured audiences from state fairs to concert arenas.

The parents are equally remarkable. The Father-Dean a former professor of economics who has taught at several universities from Carnegie-Mellon to Rio de Janeiro.

A reminder of the reunion will be mailed to everyone in late summer. Anyone who has a class list that we don't have, or who would like to be sure of receiving notices, may contact Neil Myers, class of 1949, at 1108 Valley Green Dr., Aiken, SC 29801, or me at 1701 Jeanette Circle, Huntsville, AL 35816.

Sincerely, J. ELBERT PETERS Class of 1950 205/859-3186

WE GET LETTERS.....

Dear Editor,

The Samson all-classes Reunion and Peanut Boiling will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9 and 10, and the Samson Community Center.

Football events include Auburn at Mississippi State; Alabama open, and Samson to play at home on Friday night.

Those attending are to bring food for Friday night and Saturday, and the peanuts will be boiled Saturday.

We are still attempting to obtain names and addresses of all former Samson students; we still need class lists for 1941, '42, '48, several classes in the 50's, and a few in the '60's.

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Warren Simmons receives his Purple Heart

After 53 years an Elba soldier has received his award for bravery in action in the U.S. Army during World War II.

PFC Warren R. Simmons finally was awarded the Purple Heart after a year of effort by his daughter, Deborah Hornsby of New Brockton.

His Army address was Automatic Rifleman 746, Co. G, 121st Inf., 8th Division.

Simmons was inducted into the Army at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. He served in Rhineland, Normandy, and central Europe, receiving wounds in France.

He was shot in the arm with the same bullet traveling through his mouth, loosening his top front teeth.

Along with the Purple Heart, decorations Simmons is entitled to wear include service lapel button; European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Ribbon; three overseas bars; three bronze stars; Automatic Rifleman's Pin, and the Good Conduct Medal.



Warren Simmons

AREA DEATHS

JUDITH BRUNSON BULLOCK

Mrs. Judith Brunson Bullock of Hattiesburg, Miss., died Feb. 25, 1998, after a long illness.

She was born March 11, 1931, in Elba, the youngest child of John F. and Leola Johnson Brunson, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Brunson graduated from Judson College with a degree in piano, and taught school in Fairhope. She and her husband lived in Monroe, La., before moving to Hattiesburg, where she taught piano privately.

She was a member of her church choir, University Baptist, as well as being involved in all phases of church activities. She was also active in numerous civic and cultural organizations.

Funeral services were held Feb. 28, 1998, at 2:30 p.m. at University Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss., with Dr. Dick Allison and Dr. Graham Hales conducting the services, and Moore Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her husband: Wilbur Bullock, Hattiesburg, Miss.; a daughter: Eleanor Carol McGuff, Cedar Park, Tex.; two grandsons: Michael McGuff and Matthew McGuff, both of Cedar Park, Tex.; three sisters: Catherine B. Lucening, New York City; Eugenia B. Day, Chappaqua, N.Y.; and Eleanor B. Sparks, Tupelo, Miss.

ROBERT COLEMAN JR.

Mr. Robert Coleman Jr. died Feb. 21, 1998, at Medical Center, Enterprise. He was born April 28, 1917, to the late Robert Coleman Sr. and Mrs. Hannah Lee Coleman.

Funeral services were held Feb. 27, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Greater New Zion Baptist Church, Elba, Rev. W.L. Peterson officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother: Mrs. Hannah Coleman; three daughters: Linda (Jerry) Hill, Monique (Tina) Coleman, and Marlene J. Speed; daughter-in-law: Velma Coleman; five sisters: Mrs. Lomnie Keener, Mrs. Lillie Rodgers, Mrs. Vernella Carmichael, Mrs. Bernice (George) Capker and Mrs. Della Magwood; two brothers: Samuel (Fannie) Coleman and Roland Coleman; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren.

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Social and Community News

Miss Boutwell and Mr. Alexander to be united in holy matrimony on Saturday May 16th



Miss Boutwell - Mr. Alexander

Don and Julia Hatcher of Woodville, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristy Leah Boutwell of Woodville, to Columbus Raymond Alexander III of Havana, Fla.

Ms. Boutwell is the daughter of the late William Jackie Boutwell. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ila Lou Boutwell and the late Clifton Boutwell of Elba, and Mrs. Vergie Craft Watkins and the late George J. Craft of Elba.

She is a graduate of Wakulla High School, Marietta, Fla., and is employed with a Tallahassee, Fla., firm.

The groom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Raymond Alexander Jr. of Havana, Fla.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Raymond Alexander Sr. of Havana, Fla., and the late Mr. and Mrs. George H. Barber of Havana, Fla.

He is a graduate of Robert F. Monroe High School in Quincy, Fla., and is employed in Tallahassee.

The wedding is planned for May 16, 1998, at six o'clock in the evening at First Baptist Church of Havana, Fla.

All friends and relatives of the couple are invited.

Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageant winners announced

The annual Opp Jaycees Rattlesnake Rodeo was held Saturday night, Feb. 28, at Opp High School auditorium, and pageant winners were:

Queen - Amber Desiree Schiavone, 19-year-old student at Enterprise State Junior College, winner of \$2,000 scholarship, daughter of John and Merri Schiavone of Enterprise.

1st runner-up - Leslie Cloye Scarbrough, 17-year-old daughter of George and Sonya Scarbrough of Geneva, attends Geneva High School, winner of \$1,000 scholarship.

2nd runner-up - Michelle Ar-

Azalea Garden Club meets recently

The Azalea Garden Club met Feb. 11 at the home of Mrs. Tom Jackson. Mrs. Jackson served delicious refreshments to the 11 members present.

Yard of the Month was awarded to Worth-Ten Company, located behind the old middle school.

A short business meeting was held and then adjourned to the Arbor Day tree planting.

Members present at the meeting were Mrs. Walter Cox, Mrs. Charles Eastburn, Mrs. Robert Holliman, Mrs. Ruth Inman, Mrs. R.H. Lee, Mrs. V.D. McCreary, Mrs. Virgil Rogers, Mrs. Lee Phillips, Mrs. Oscar Vaughn, and Mrs. Aubrey Wright.



Sabrina Piland

Sabrina Piland is Calendar Girl at Kinston

The Kinston FHA Calendar Girl for the month of February is Sabrina Piland.

Sabrina, a sophomore at Kinston High School, is the daughter of Chris and Jennifer Piland. She is a varsity cheerleader and a member of the volleyball team.

She is an honor student, member of the Beta Club, A.J.A.S. F.C.A., R.C. Club, English team, math team, FHA recreational leader, and Spanish Club vice-president.

Sabrina's hobbies include playing volleyball, whitewater rafting, shopping, and spending time with friends.



Mrs. George Hocutt (r) and her mother, Mrs. Flournoy Whitman, examine baby dresses handstitched for Mrs. Hocutt by her mother 70 years ago.

Mrs. Hocutt honored on 70th birthday

Mrs. George Hocutt (Evelyn) was honored recently on the occasion of her 70th birthday with a surprise luncheon at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast in Elba.

Hostesses were her daughters, Mrs. Ray Flowers (Lawanna) and Mrs. Stephen Stabler (Deborah).

As guests entered the parlor, they viewed a display of memorabilia from Evelyn's life, including baby dresses made by hand by her mother, Mrs. Flournoy Whitman; her baby ring; family photos; a camera purchased for her honeymoon; and her childhood doll.

Guests served themselves from a delicious buffet lunch prepared by Barbara Hudson.

After lunch, guests moved into the parlor for a short program. Deborah Stabler asked questions about historical moments in Evelyn's life, including dates of the ending of Prohibition, end of World War II and when the first American went into space.

Several guests also shared memories of events in Evelyn's life. Her mother, Mrs. Whitman, recalled how she nearly died as a premature baby born in a drafty farmhouse near Pine Level before medical care was available for sick babies.

"We kept a pan of warm water near the bed, and whenever anyone quit breathing, we'd dunk them in it," she said.

DeBoer-Huntsman wedding held in Dothan

Donna DeBoer and Mark Lawrence Huntsman were united in marriage Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1998, at 4:45 p.m. in Dothan.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Ruth Ann DeBoer, Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Huntsman of D'Arbonne, La.

A formal ceremony will be held in Gattinburg, Tenn.

After a wedding cruise to the Bahamas, the couple will reside in Dothan.

Anna Marie Bowers is two years old

Anna Marie Bowers celebrated her second birthday with family and friends at home on Feb. 14.

Anna Marie is the daughter of Karen and Andy Bowers.

She is the granddaughter of Becky and Don Morrow, Louise and Burn Bowers, and great-granddaughter of Ethel and Howard Waller, all of Elba.

Anna Marie Bowers

Church News



Pictured are: Randy Neal, his wife Kimberly and their daughters Anna and Rebekah.

Elba Church of Christ welcomes new minister

Mr. Randy Neal, a native of Tennessee, is new minister at the Elba Church of Christ.

He is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, Tenn., with a B.A. in Bible, and has an M.A. in Biblical Studies from Southern Christian University, Montgomery. He is currently working on his Master of Divinity.

Randy began preaching in 1983 and has worked with congregations in Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky, as well as with campaigns in Georgia, Wisconsin, Scotland and the Philippines.

Randy's family consists of his wife Kimberly and daughters Anna and Rebekah.

There will be a Retreat at Camp Victory near Samson for Grades 2-6 March 7 & 8 and March 21 and 22.

The retreat begins with registration on Saturday at 9 a.m. and ends after lunch Sunday at 1 p.m.

Cost for the retreat is \$20 per person. To register call Camp Victory at 334/898-7948.

Danley's Crossroads Cemetery Committee to meet

The annual meeting of the Danley's Crossroads Cemetery Committee will convene Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m. in the Coffee County vot-

ing house at Danley's Crossroads. All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend.

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Church of Christ to have gospel meeting

The Elba Church of Christ will have Spring Gospel Meeting/Revival March 15-18. Times of services are: Sunday morning Bible Study - 9:00; Sunday morning Worship Service - 10:00; Sunday afternoon - 1:30; Monday - Wed. Nights - 7:00. Speaker for each service is Flavil Nichols, an evangelist from Jasper, Ala. Everyone is invited to attend.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION NEWS

Gospel Sing
There will be a Gospel Sing at Mustard Seed Foundation Church March 21 at 7 p.m.
Featured group will be the Oaks Family from Seale, Ala.
The church is located on Coffee Co. Rd. 211 in the Victoria Community. Everyone is welcome.

Meeting
The Mustard Seed Foundation seniors met Feb. 27 for a time of fellowship, games and luncheon.

Those attending included: Marie Lou Goodson, Louise Wambles, Mary Seavey, Zealon Smith, Sis Wambles, Johnny Hall, Dorothy Crawley, Sheila Haun, Pauline Wood, Inez Wambles, Frank McCollough, Diane Hudson, Evelyn Smith, Pearl Wambles, Sammie Wambles, Linnie McCollough.

For information on joining the group, call 897-6647 or 735-2453.

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13
***Thinking of you, praying for you: Tammy Tills, Wilbur Bullock, Eleanor Carl McGuff, Catherine B. Luenig, Eugene B. Day, and Eleanor B. Sparks, Evelyn Manning, Onie B. Daniels, Howard Flowers, Percie James, W.H. Caldwell, Jessica Pearson, Cynthia and Michel Jesse, Starks, Mae E. Jackson, Charles Warren, Anise Coleman.

***March Birthdays: Warren Belcher and Junia Belcher Brooks - March 5; Stephanie Williams - March 6; Ashley Carpenter - March 13; Cleve M. Davis - March 3; Grover J. Belcher - March 28.

Church, Tatum Community
Brundage, celebrated the annual Youth Day on Sunday, March 1, with a program at 5:30 p.m.

Devolitional was by visiting youth and Rocky Head M.B. Church Ensemble rendered music. Welcome was by Rodney Flowers. Dorell Boyd, Union Baptist Church, presented a reading, "Proud to Be Who I Am." Rev. Ronnie Caldwell, Second Administrative Assistant of Rocky Head M.B. Church, was speaker.

A Youth Revival at Siloh began March 2, and continues through March 6.

Time will be 7 p.m. and churches are: March 4 - New Salem, Lily Hill, Pleasant Hill and Hopewell.

March 5 - St. Paul, Mt. Olive and County Line.

March 6 - County Line, New Zion and Sweet Pilgrim.

***The 1998 Basketball Tournament, "March Gladness," will be held Saturday, March 21, at New Brockton High School. The tournament is being sponsored by New Brockton Church of God in Christ.

Registration will be March 16 at 8 p.m. at New Philadelphia Church of God in Christ, 334/897-3854. Entry fee is \$75, with single elimination.

First-, second-, and third-place trophies will be awarded, with 10 individual trophies being given to the first-place team.

Persons to contact: Dea. J. Jackson - 334/897-2161 - (H) 334/566-5889 (W); Dea. T. Whitfield - 334/897-2179.

***NAACP Youth Branch, Coffee County, Founders Day Celebration will be held March 28 at 6 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, Rev. H. Rodgers pastor.

Theme: "Stand for Justice." Eph. 6:13-18.

Everyone is invited to share in this special celebration.

***Elizabeth Catlett, born April 15, 1919, in Washington, D.C., is a distinguished sculptor and lithographer. Among her many commis-



ONE ACCORD, a Gospel group, will appear at Westside Baptist Church in Elba on Sunday, March 15, at 10 a.m., sponsored by the Joy Group of the church. The singers have performed with various professional groups, including the Steeles, Gold City, etc. There will be no admission charge, but a love offering will be accepted.

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Bro. B.V. Jones, Secretary - Dea. Lester Burnette; Corresponding Sec. - Dea. Charles Henderson; Treasurer - Dea. James Woods; Moderator - Rev. J.C. Chammon.
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When I went to the University of Iowa, Grant Wood (painter of American Gothic) taught me that you should work with what you know the most about. That's what he did; he painted Iowa, which is what he knew the most about. I was working always with the black theme; I did a whole series on black women. Nobody was doing black women. I am a black woman. That's what I know the most about.

"I Dream A World" calendar.

***The 26th annual session of the Mulberry District Laymen's Convention will be held March 13-14 at the Educational Building, Hwy. 84, in Elba.

Theme will be: 2nd Thes. 3:1. Friday, 7 p.m. - Devotional - Pleasant Valley, Pleasant Ridge, Clay Hill; History of Laymen Dept. and Devotional Address - Dea. Lester Burnette; President's Annual Address - James Williams; sermon - Rev. L.P. Carter, alternate - Rev. J.M. Bryant.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - House called to order - Pres. J.L. Williams; Devotional - Antioch, Bethlehem, New Mt. Pleasant; Devotional Address - Dea. Charles Henderson; Inspirational Address - Dea. Joe Downing; sermon - Rev. John Lawrence; alternate - Rev. Jonas Rogers; luncheon by laymen's wives; personal enrollment - \$10; churches \$50; committee chairman: Finance - Dea. Leon Bess; Tabulation - Dea. C.B. Berry; Disbursement - Dea. Lewis Carpenter.

Officers: President - Dea. J.L. Williams; Vice Pres. - Deacon Thomas Brooks; 2nd Vice Pres. -

Card Of Thanks

The family of MR. ALLEN JOHNSON would like to thank everyone who called, gave food, prayers, and flowers, and a very special THANK YOU to Hospice.

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Barbara Hudson joins Southeast Realty in Elba

Mrs. Barbara Hudson is now associated with Southeast Insurance and Real Estate of Elba, as a real estate salesperson, according to Ronnie K. Young, president of the company.

Mrs. Hudson is well-known and respected throughout Coffee County and surrounding areas, and we are delighted to have her represent our company," Young said.

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VICA Spotlight



Elizabeth Strong

by Diana Jackson
This week's VICA Spotlight focuses on Elizabeth Strong. She is an employee at Dr. Strong and Purvis, Optometrists. Her duties include filing and answering the phones.
Elizabeth is the daughter of Kenneth and Sara Strong and is a senior at Elba High School. She is a member of FBLA, VICA, Girl Scout Troop #300, St. Rita's, Journalism Staff, First Baptist Church, and SGA where she serves as the president. Her hobbies include collecting Precious Moments figurines, water sports, and singing.
After high school, Elizabeth plans to attend the School of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Alabama and major in Consumer Sciences to become a Financial Planner.

Jr. Beta Club

On February 18th, thirteen Elba High School students were inducted into the Junior Beta Club. The Junior Beta Club is an academic honor society that promotes the ideals of honesty, community service, and leadership among secondary school students.

Seventh-graders were: Bart Barnes, DeAnn Smith, Kristy Ward, Devri Kilcrease, Jason Curran, Justin Allen, Blake Lambert, Jesse Holloway, Lagina Mack, Danee Ware, and Shawna Hill.
Eighth-graders were: Bobbie Jo York and Charly Barlow. Congratulations to them all!

FHA Puppet Show

Future Homemakers of America students presented a puppet show to the Elba Elementary kindergarten students. In the puppet show, "Learning What to Do," the puppets Cindy and Todd helped the children understand what to do if approached by a stranger. They learned about selecting a magic password, saying "no" to a stranger, and getting away or yelling. They also learned that it is important to tell their parents about strangers who try to talk with them.

All State Team

by Luke Bludworth
Congratulations to Rosandra McKinnon, Vaughan Boyd, and Rachel Bludworth for making the Area All State Tournament. These girls were selected based on the ability they have shown throughout the 1997-98 basketball season. EHS is very proud of the effort these girls put forth this season and all their accomplishments. Congratulations!

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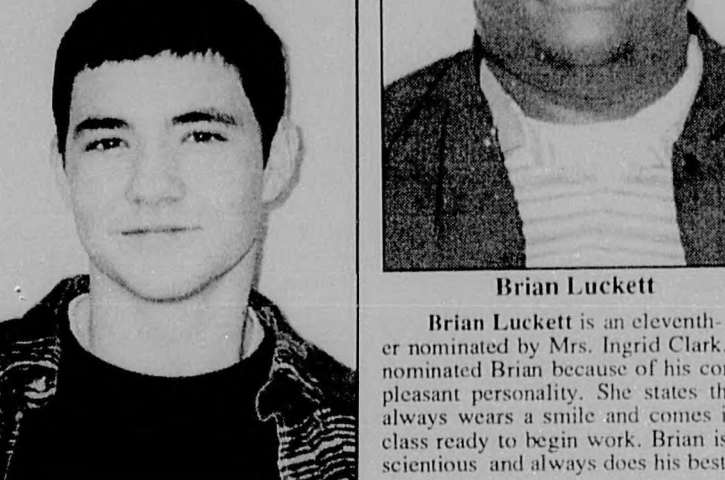
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Students of the Month

by Vaughan Boyd
Mrs. Sue King nominated Jeremy Sasser for "Student of the Month." Jeremy is a ninth-grade student who is a member of the Elba High School Varsity Football Team. He is also a member of the Elba High School Varsity Basketball Team. He is a very hard worker and a very good student.



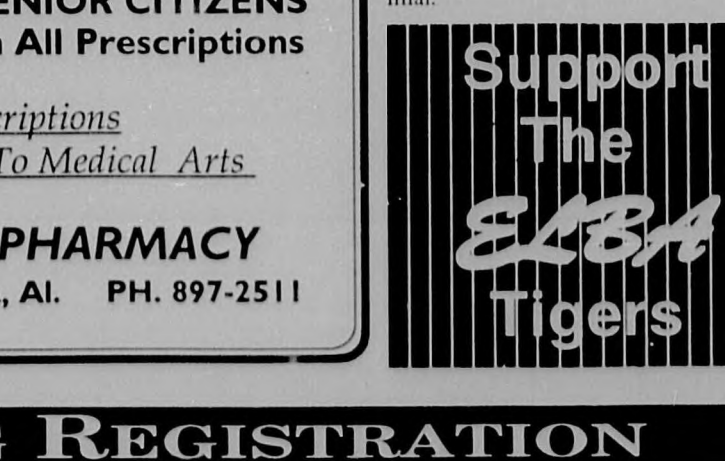
Brian Luckett

David Collins nominated Casey Skinner for "Student of the Month." Casey is an eighth-grader in Coach Collins' science class. Casey has a great attitude and is an excellent student. She is involved in junior varsity and varsity basketball, softball, and is a member of the Elba High School Varsity Football Team. She is a very hard worker and a very good student.



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LBW students seated left to right: Stacey Solomon, Opp, Kevin Allen, Zion Chapel, standing left to right: Alan Crenshaw, Opp, Darren Mooney, Andalusia, Juanita Cobb, Andalusia.

Students Attend Presidential Classroom



Misty Kelley & Bonnie Vaughan

Elba High School seniors Bonnie Vaughan and Misty Kelley recently attended the Presidential Classroom at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. This was an overview of their week.
"Our week provided us with much knowledge about civic education, a behind-the-scenes look at our nation's government, friends, and students like ourselves from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Great Britain, Hong Kong, India, and Canada, and an educational experience to last a lifetime."
"We were not sure what to expect when we arrived in Washington. Before we even left the airport, we realized that our luggage was lost and we had to wait for the next plane to arrive before it would come. After seeing all the Spanish-speaking and Chinese-speaking people and not being able to understand them, we were sure we were doomed to be totally confused and lost all week long. However when we arrived at our hotel, the Georgetown University Conference Center, and were put into our caucus groups (composed of approximately, forty students) and became familiar with everyone, we were reassured that we were in on the go for the rest of the week and there surely would not be a boring moment."
Being from the South, of course, our "down-home" accents were pointed out by the group to give a one-minute speech on the last day. Crossfired was an excellent experience for us to debate about our thoughts and opinions on such topics as "The Role of the Media," "The American Political System," "Foreign Policy National Security," "Constitutional Issues: Fighting Crime/Justice," and "Domestic Issues: Environmental Policy." Seminars were held everyday on topics such as "Power in Washington," "The Executive Branch," "U.S. Foreign Policy Objectives," "A Representative's Perspective on Issues Facing Congress," "The Judicial Branch," "National Defense Policies," "The Lobbyist's Role in the Political Process," "The Role of the Media in the Political Process," and a CIA briefing.
We toured the Smithsonian Museum, Holocaust Museum, Pentagon City Mall, Union Station, the National Mall (which included the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, and Korea and Vietnam War Memorials), Ford's Theater, Lincoln's death site, two John F. Kennedy memorials, and the Pentagon. We also visited Arlington National Cemetery, where we saw the Kennedy graves and witnessed the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Also, at the tomb, a wreath-laying ceremony was held in dedication to several men and women buried at Arlington who were the kind of five Presidential Classroom attendees. We also visited the Department of Agriculture, the German Embassy, the Brazilian Embassy, and the State Department. Probably the most exciting part of our trip was our visit to Capitol Hill. We heard a seminar on the floor of the House of Representatives (where President Clinton gave his State of the Union address only a couple of hours later), and met with Representative Terry Everett and Senators Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions.
That night we went to Chelsea's, a small restaurant in the middle of Washington where we heard a performance by the "Capitol Steps" comedy group. The "Capitol Steps" amused us by casually poking fun at political acts and people. Meeting with our government leaders, learning about the democratic process firsthand, seeing the sights, and being in the same place where important decisions were made (100 years ago that affect our country today, was an exhilarating experience for the two of us. We made friendships with people and got exposed to culture from people all over the world.
We witnessed Jeff Sessions argue on the floor of the Senate about changing the name of National Airport to the Ronald Reagan Airport. Terry Everett also talked to the two of us about the presidency, that it is not the person you are respecting, but the office of the presidency that we respect.
Mr. Everett seemed to have good morals as he was referring to the presidential allegations currently taking place (we were in Washington right after the news of this broke out). A few famous people we saw were: California Senator Maxine Baucus, who gave a "Don't Stop" encouragement speech about doing what we want and not stopping until we get there. South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond, who gave a "First Dog" speech (star of all three Naked Gun movies), and David S. (a regular on the Night Live guest and star of "Just Shoot Me").
Two very entertaining events were a private tour of the White House and a performance by the Capital Steps Comedy Troupe. We visited the White House on a special private tour given by a secret service agent. While having our pictures taken on the front lawn, Rudy, President Clinton's Chocolate Lab, ran out and was being chased by a secret service agent.
Also while at the White House, an unidentified man pushed through our crowd. We all forgot about it until we found out that it was the president's son. He was bringing Clinton the news that he had been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.
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On February 18th, thirteen Elba High School students were inducted into the Junior Beta Club. The Junior Beta Club is an academic honor society that promotes the ideals of honesty, community service, and leadership among secondary school students.
Seventh-graders were: Bart Barnes, DeAnn Smith, Kristy Ward, Devri Kilcrease, Jason Curran, Justin Allen, Blake Lambert, Jesse Holloway, Lagina Mack, Danee Ware, and Shawna Hill.
Eighth-graders were: Bobbie Jo York and Charly Barlow. Congratulations to them all!

Future Homemakers of America students presented a puppet show to the Elba Elementary kindergarten students. In the puppet show, "Learning What to Do," the puppets Cindy and Todd helped the children understand what to do if approached by a stranger. They learned about selecting a magic password, saying "no" to a stranger, and getting away or yelling. They also learned that it is important to tell their parents about strangers who try to talk with them.

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Rebel News Briefs

JUNIOR CLASS HAS BAKE SALE
The Zion Chapel High School Junior Class had a bake sale on February 20, 1998. The bake sale was to help finance the production of the Junior-Senior Prom for 1998. At first break, Friday morning, members of the junior class sold chocolate chip cookies, chocolate chip sticks, cupcakes, and brownies. These baked goods were homemade by some of the junior class members. The bake sale was considered a success because the juniors made a profit of \$48.50.

CHEERLEADERS 1998-1999

by Suzanne Stinson
The Charles Henderson High School Varsity Cheerleaders spent Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at Zion Chapel teaching the potential 1998-1999 cheerleaders a dance for Friday morning. The girls worked for two hours each day. The cheerleaders were accompanied by their school sponsor, Ms. Michelle Armstrong. These girls rank nationally in competition every year. They go through strenuous tryouts and summer sessions in order to be competitive during the upcoming school year.
Zion Chapel was truly grateful to have such an experienced, talented group of girls to come and teach at this Varsity Cheerleaders Tryout. The girls were chosen for this year at Zion Chapel are: Kendra Ward (captain), Kyla Edmonds (co-captain), Christina Shuman, Sarah Maddox, Jessica Cotton, Daphne Jennings, Rebecca Ward, Christie Roberts, Malorie Bedsole, and Nichole Mitchell.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASKETBALL

by Wesley Clark
Coach Doug Branson, Zion Chapel Varsity basketball coach, recently started a Little League basketball team. The team consists of about forty-five students, girls and boys, and participate in four games each Friday night.
High school basketball team members and interested parents are enjoying the team's successful season. Coach Branson said, "I feel the community is ready to support all the little league programs, (basketball, football, baseball, softball). The young people, as well as the adults, will be able to participate locally instead of going to other communities to participate in their programs."
Coach Branson also encourages people to support these future athletes of Zion Chapel High School.

STUDENTS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

by Amy Eddins
Fourth graders at Zion Chapel Elementary School are making an early start at writing research papers. The students in Mrs. Beverly Liptrot's class wrote papers on African Americans that made a contribution to society. Some of the people were Jackie Robinson, Aretha Franklin, Maya Angelou, Michael Jordan, Bo Jackson, Hank Aaron, and Muhammad Ali.
Mrs. Liptrot said that the students seemed very excited about the research papers.

Coffee County Schools Menu

March 9 - 13, 1998

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Hot Dog, Corn on Cob, Applesauce, Crackers, Cheese Rolls, Vegetable Sticks w/Dip, Milk
Tuesday - Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Grits, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Salad on Lettuce Leaf, Ham Sandwich, Tater Tots, Broccoli w/Cheddar Sauce, Milk
Wednesday - Blueberry Muffin w/Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Pizza Burger, Turkey, Lettuce, Tomato Sandwich, Green Beans, Baked Potato, Ham, Fruit Jar, Bar, Milk
Thursday - Sausage Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Chicken Stir Fry, Hamburger Steak, English Peas, Cereal, Fruit, Rice, Milk
Friday - Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hamburger, Fish, Potatoes, Omelette, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Hush Puppies, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Cheese, Milk

Visual Communication

Through the years pictures have been a visual form of communication for all races. In ninth grade world geography, they are reinventing this practice. Mr. Mark Coale, instructor of history, has started this project to promote group cooperation and to provide a better understanding of the illustrations in their text books. The students are drawing different climates and the hydrologic cycle.
The hydrologic cycle is the circulation of water from one part of a hydro-sphere (all the water on the earth) to another. Broken down even more, water is stored in the atmosphere by being evaporated from oceans. As the water becomes a vapor, it rises into the air and cools (this is called condensation). The vapor forms droplets, forms clouds, and returns to the earth as precipitation. This sounds like a complicated process, so imagine what drawing it must be like!

Cake Auction

by Tina Johnson
Zion Chapel's Athletic Club sponsored a cake auction on February 21, 1998 from 6 to 9 P.M. Cakes were donated by the parents and friends of the students involved in different sports at Zion Chapel. There was a variety of cakes brought and auctioned off by Mr. Ted Fillingim and Mr. Jerry Smith, who each donated their time to help with the cake auction.
Entertainment was also available during this event. Morgan Hodge sang, Sarah Maddox played the piano, Randal Myers, and the group, Majesty, each donated their talents and time to help keep everyone entertained during the three hour span. Everyone seemed to have a good time.
The Athletic Club was able to make around \$550 by auctioning off home-made cakes. June Clark, Athletic Club president, would like to thank all the people who helped with this auction, the parents and friends for the cakes, and the people who donated their time to help with the Athletic Club. She would also like to thank the people who brought the cakes, because without them this fundraiser could not have been a success.

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Zion Chapel Students Have Access To Internet

by Ashley Nelson

Zion Chapel has joined the "Information Highway." South Alabama Electric Cooperative donated a computer and Internet connection to both the high school and elementary schools. The Zion Chapel Student Government Association petitioned for this donation several years ago and received the equipment this year. Mr. Max Davis and Mr. Douglas Green helped to ensure that the school received the computers and Internet link-up, and that the students installed the equipment.
These advancements will give students the access to a multitude of information that most students would not normally have the opportunity to access. However, students must have parental permission before they can use the Internet. A permission form will be sent home to parents along with the Coffee County Board Policy for Internet Acceptability. This policy is stated, in its entirety below.
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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

A warning is hereby issued to all area drivers that effective the week of March 7, 1998, Melissa Mularz will be learning how to drive, with the lessons to be taught by her parents. As hard as it is to believe, Melissa will turn 15 this week, and that means that the big day will finally arrive when Melissa slips behind the wheel and begins learning how to drive. She has been ready to drive for at least the last six months, but we told her any driving was on hold until she got her permit. Well, that day will come next week, and ready or not, here we come!

DUSTING OFF THE DESK...

*** The Elba Tiger baseball team has started its season and the Tigers and their coaches are more than ready to prove that last year's disaster was simply one of those things caused by the approach of "El Nino." The Tigers aren't loaded with talent; however, they do have at least seven pitchers that can take to the mound and a line-up filled with players that have played the sport since they were five years old. A very tough schedule could keep the Tigers' record a little less than impressive at times, but the '98 Tigers should be more than ready to make a run at the area title and erase all memories of last year's fall from grace.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers also have a very ambitious schedule, and like their counterparts in baseball, should be ready to erase the memories of last year's losing season and make a serious run at a state tournament berth. The Lady Tigers are very young in age, but most of the girls have been playing summer ball all across the South for the past couple of years, and that experience more than makes up for their lack of high school experience. This team is filled with players that know their positions, know how to play their positions, and know how to win. It should be a fun season to watch the Lady Tigers in action.

*** Elba High football coach David Sikes told me last week that the Tigers would conclude spring football practice this year with a spring game against the Samson Tigers. Plans are still not finalized, but Coach Sikes stated he felt like the younger players would play at least two quarters, followed by a game by the two varsity squads. The event will be a fund raiser for the athletic department at Elba High, and also give Coach Sikes and his staff a chance to see just where the Tigers stand heading into a very important 1998 season. Sounds like fun to me.

*** The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will have four All-Star basketball teams competing this weekend in District 8 tournaments, and will be hosting one of the tournaments at the Elba High School gym. The boys' "10 and Under" team will be playing in Elba and appears to have a solid chance at winning a couple of games, while the boys' "12 and Under" team will travel to Enterprise and will have without a doubt the youngest team in the event. The girls' "10 and Under" team will play at the L.B.W. Junior College gym, in Andalusia, and will learn from the girls program is new to the city recreation program, and while their teams will battle until the final horn, the biggest push for the teams will be the experience to be gained. The brackets appear in this week's sports pages, try and make an appearance at at least one of the tournaments and let the youth know they have your support.

*** It was ironic to watch Alabama beat Arkansas on TV last weekend and see Coach David Hobbs walk out a winner. Coach Hobbs has greatly improved his value as a college coach in recent weeks with the late-season success of the Crimson Tide, and the winning streak has put even more pressure than before for the Tide's "big shot" athletic director to get the right man to replace the fired coach. It should be interesting.

*** An area newspaper had a feature story about former New Brockton High School coach Charles Cole and his son in last week's edition, and in the story the younger Cole was asked about missing a free-throw in the Coffee County Junior High Basketball Tournament as an eighth grader that could have helped his team win the tournament. It was amazing to me that a sportswriter would even remember such an event, more less ask a high school player about how he felt two years ago when the event happened. Cole had scored seven straight points in the championship game to pull his team within two points in the closing seconds, and while it is true he might have missed the chance to pull his team even, he was the one that sparked the rally and almost pulled out the win. Cole didn't lose the county title, he helped his team finish as the runner-up!

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SPORTS

Seven youth teams to compete

Elba to host "Boys 10 and Under" basketball tourney

The Alabama Recreation and Parks Association will hold its 1998 District 8 West Division "Boys 10 and Under Basketball Tournament" on Saturday, March 7, at the Elba High School gymnasium.

The event will be sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, and will include seven area teams in single-elimination competition.

"District 8 is divided into two divisions due to the size of the district," stated Elba Recreation Director Ricky Mularz, "and we are happy to be hosting the boys 10 and under tournament in our division. It's hard to pick a favorite in such a tournament because the kids move up in age divisions almost every year when it comes to all-stars, but the

Men's softball league to hold initial meeting

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will sponsor a Men's Softball League this spring and summer, with the season scheduled to begin in mid-March.

The entry fee for teams is \$10 per player on the team's roster, with an additional \$10 fee for all players added to the roster after the beginning of the season.

A pre-season organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 PM, at the Elba Recreation Center, located at 764 Claxton Avenue.

For more information contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Bass tourney set for April 11 at Lake Eufaula

The American Lung Association-Wiregrass Region is hosting a Two-Man Bass Tournament on April 11, 1998, at Lakepoint Resort State Park, Eufaula, Alabama.

Jeff Speed, host of "The Alabama Outdoorsman" television show, is the tournament director.

There is a guaranteed paycheck of \$14,500, based upon a full field of 250 boats, with a Big Fish prize of \$100 per pound, up to \$1,000. The fee is \$150 per boat, and the deadline to register is April 7, 1998. For more information please call the American Lung Association at (334) 794-4925 or 1-800-LUNG-USA.

teams that usually do well include Troy, Andalusia, Greenville, and Geneva. The Elba team looked good last week in a practice game against Ft. Rucker, but will certainly have to play well to win in this very strong tournament."

The tournament will begin on Saturday, March 7, at 10:00, when Enterprise meets Andalusia. The 11:15 game will pit Opp against Greenville, while at 12:30 the Elba All-Stars will take the court against Geneva. Troy will meet the Enterprise-Andalusia winner at 1:45, and at 3:00 the Opp-Greenville winner will tangle with the Elba-Geneva survivor. The championship game will be held at 5:00, with the winning team earning the right to advance to the State ARPA Tournament, in Haleyville.

The Elba All-Stars will be led by Clark Skinner and LaRay Williams, both of whom ranked in the Top 10 in the league in scoring, while other members include Lewis Johnson, Luke Taylor, Reymar Rogers, Zane Hall, Aaron Harrelson, Bernard Blackmon, Mason Guley, and Duke Carr. The All-Stars are coached by Aubrey Williams, Willie Edwards and L.V. Johnson.

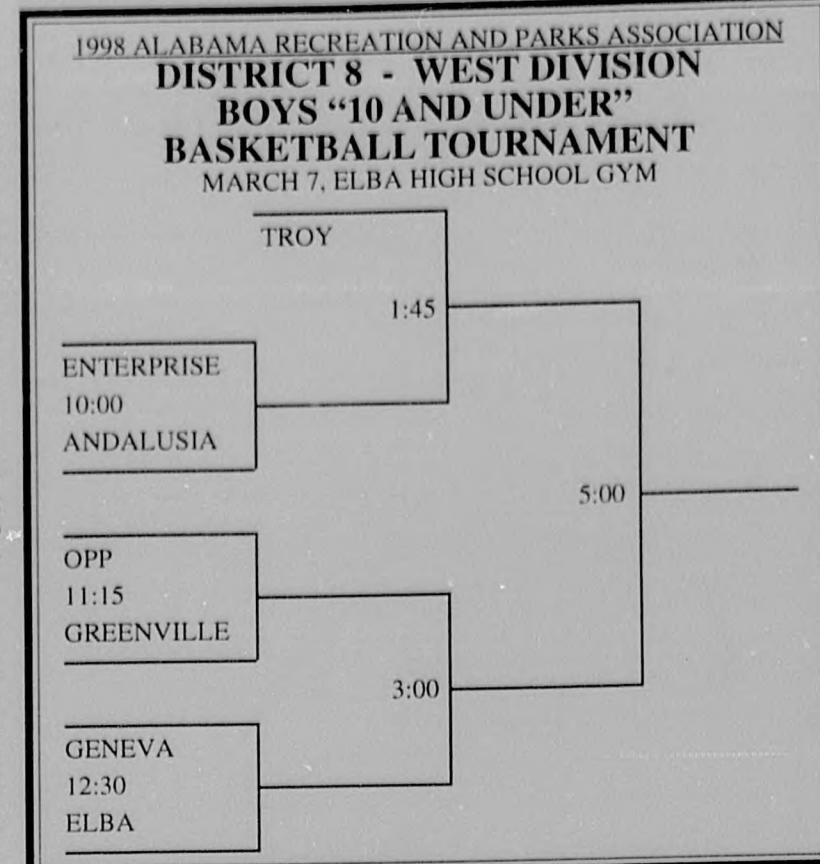
Claim four straight wins

Kinston Junior Varsity off to fast start

The Kinston High School Junior Varsity girls softball team opened its season last week by rolling to four straight wins to push its early-season record to 4-0.

"The team has really done a great job," stated Coach Janie Wiggins. "We're hitting the ball real solid and the team appears to be very competitive."

The Lady Bulldogs opened the



season on Monday against New Brockton and coasted to a 14-1 and 10-0 win over the Lady Gamecocks. In the opening win Holli Odom scored 3 runs, while Marissa Barefoot and Nicole Lashley both scored twice, while in the nightcap Marissa Barefoot and Holli Odom scored two runs apiece. Rena Donaldson pitched both games for the Lady Bulldogs and allowed only one run.

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ENTERPRISE DIVISION
LOCAL NOTICE
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REVENUE COMMISSION'S SALE

1. Ronnie L. Burns, Revenue Commissioner for Coffee County, by virtue of a decree rendered by the Probate Judge, William D. Gammill, of said county on February 25, 1998 will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Enterprise, said county within the hours of legal sale on April 6, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. the following described real estate for taxes and cost due thereon for the year 1997:

Publish March 4, 11, 18, 1998

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MAIN ST TH INT WITH S/MAR OF
COLLEGE AVE TH SELY 23 TH SW1/4
100 TH NW1/4 23 TO COLLEGE AVE TH
NELY 100 TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 360.31
PRINTER'S FEE: 42.41
TOTAL: 402.72

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MAIN ST 23 SE OF COLLEGE ST TH
CONT SELY 26 TH SW1/4 100 TH NW1/4
26 TH NELY 100 TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 356.54
PRINTER'S FEE: 39.89
TOTAL: 396.43

BLAINE MINNIE
16-05-16-3-304-060-000 SEC 16 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A LOT IN SE1/4 OF SW1/4
DESC AS FOL BEG AT INT OF N/4 OF
DALEVILLE & E R/W OF
FRIENDSHIP ST TH N 155 TH E 105 TH
S 155 TH W 105 TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 113.23
PRINTER'S FEE: 46.82
TOTAL: 160.07

BOGAN MARY E
16-04-20-1-001-008-000 SEC 20 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E COMM @ INT NE COR
PINE ST & SE ROW SHORT ADAMS ST
TH NE 87.5(S) TO POB TH NE 42.5 SE
105.42 S 42.5 NW 105 TO POB WITH
IMPS
TAX & COST: 59.44
PRINTER'S FEE: 38.00
TOTAL: 97.44

BOLAND CJ
16-05-16-1-001-048-000 SEC 16 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E COM AT INT OF E R/W OF
AL HWY 27 & S R/W MILLER DRIVE
TH SELY 175 TO POB TH SW1/4 20(S)
SELY 25 SW1/4 20, SELY 15, SW1/4
18(S) E 50(S) SW1/4 16(S) SW1/4
10(S) W 115, NW1/4 30 SELY 150 TO
POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 41.67
PRINTER'S FEE: 58.16
TOTAL: 99.83

BOLAND CJ
16-04-17-4-001-033-000 SEC 17 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E COM AT INT OF E R/W OF
JOHNSON ST & S R/W OF CURRY
ALLEY TH 600' TO POB TH 200' SW1/4
SELY 80, NW1/4 115(S), ELY 172(S)
TO POB
TAX & COST: 16.34
PRINTER'S FEE: 39.89
TOTAL: 56.23

BOLAND CJ & HARRISON RICK P
16-05-21-2-002-000-000 SEC 21 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E COM AT INT OF S R/W OF
HARRISON ST
CARMICHAEL ST TH SELY 370(S) TO
POB TH NELY 10 TH SELY 151(S), SW1/4
100, NW1/4 63.4, NELY 75 NW1/4 86.6
TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 150.33
PRINTER'S FEE: 49.33
TOTAL: 199.66

BOLAND JASON G
16-05-21-2-002-060-000 SEC 21 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A LOT SE1/4 OF NW1/4
DESC AS FOL BEG 365' N OF NE COR
PLEDGER ST & PARK AVE S ELY 210
S 105' W 60' S 90' W 105 TO POB WITH
IMPS
TAX & COST: 75.25
PRINTER'S FEE: 43.04
TOTAL: 118.29

BREWER TRAVIS L & JOANN
16-09-31-0-000-001-000 SEC 31 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E BEG @ SW COR SE1/4
OF SE1/4 E 385.37', NLY 203.83', E
340.15' S 200.28' TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 236.34
PRINTER'S FEE: 31.07
TOTAL: 267.41

BREWER TRAVIS L & JOANN
16-09-31-0-000-028-000 SEC 31 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E H B HUTTO RESUB LOT
28 & FT OF LOT 27 DESC AS FOL BEG
COR. SAID LOT 28 TH 125 NW 196
NELY 60' TH E 162.3' TH POB W WITH
IMPS
TAX & COST: 124.47
PRINTER'S FEE: 38.00
TOTAL: 162.47

BROOKS EDNA & WILLIE FOY & BARBARA
16-04-17-4-003-044-000 SEC 17 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A LOT IN SW1/4 OF SE1/4
DESC AS FOL BEG 152.5' N OF NW COR
INT FLEMING & W ADAMS W 140' NE
25' E 100' S 225' TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 52.63
PRINTER'S FEE: 42.41
TOTAL: 95.04

BUSH BETTY
16-04-17-4-004-060-000 SEC 17 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A LOT IN SE1/4 OF SE1/4
DESC AS FOL BEG 350' N FROM WHERE
THE R/W OF W ADAMS & GIMBLEY
INT TH W 105 TH N 50 TH E 105 TH
S 50 TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 101.49
PRINTER'S FEE: 38.63
TOTAL: 140.12

CARETT MICHAEL WAYNE JR
15-09-29-0-000-004-001 SEC 29 TWSHP.
4N RGE 21E COM @ SW COR NW1/4
OF SW1/4 N 753.53' TO POB N 107.57' SELY
118.65' S 155.26' NWLY 139.53' TO
POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 331.02
PRINTER'S FEE: 36.11
TOTAL: 367.13

COLE WILLIE & BESSIE
16-04-20-1-001-014-000 SEC 20 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A LOT IN NW1/4 OF NW1/4
DESC AS FOL BEG INT SE INT OF FLEMING &
W ADAMS STS TH E 50 S 75 W 50 N 75
TO POB
TAX & COST: 34.53
PRINTER'S FEE: 39.89
TOTAL: 74.42

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COOPER CARL ANTHONY
16-05-16-4-001-051-004 SEC 16 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E LOT 1 B LK A
CAMBRIDGE CT TOWNHOUSES SD PB
3 PG W/BE WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 436.74
PRINTER'S FEE: 26.66
TOTAL: 463.40

COPES BELINDA
16-05-16-4-004-001-007 SEC 16 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E LOT 7 FRIENDSHIP S/D
PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 125 WITH IMPS
PRINTER'S FEE: 23.51
TOTAL: 152.97

DAVIS GENEY
16-04-20-1-001-013-000 SEC 20 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E COM AT INT OF E R/W OF
PINE 24 STREET & S R/W OF ADAMS
ST TH SELY 142.5' TO POB TH
NELY 63.5', SELY 211', SWLY 105'
NELY 105.73', SELY 42.5', NWLY 105'
TO POB
TAX & COST: 36.34
PRINTER'S FEE: 38.00
TOTAL: 74.34

DICKINSON RITA
16-04-20-1-001-056-000 SEC 20 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A PAR BEG ELY 2' OF
W LEE ST 105' NE INT SD R/W WITH
NE ROW MACK ST TH NE 108.28' TH
S 214.46' TH SW 104.14' TH NW 205.45'
TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 169.31
PRINTER'S FEE: 44.30
TOTAL: 213.61

DOSTER TARVARIS T
16-05-24-0-000-004-000 SEC 24 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A LOT IN NW1/4 OF
NW1/4 DESC AS FOL BEG AT A PT ON W
LINE SAID 40' 980' S OF NW COR SAID
40' TH E 570' TO POB TH COR E 100' TH
SW 220' W 100' NE 225' TO POB WITH
IMPS
TAX & COST: 85.71
PRINTER'S FEE: 49.35
TOTAL: 135.06

DUNN ROBERT JR
10-04-17-4-000-011-001 SEC 17 TWSHP.
5N RGE 21E A LOT IN NE1/4 OF
SE1/4 DESC AS BEG AT NE COR SAID
1/4 TH S 210' W 210' N 210' E 210' TO
POB 1 AC
PRINTER'S FEE: 32.67
PRINTER'S FEE: 38.63
TOTAL: 71.30

FLEMING RANDA JOYCE
16-06-23-0-000-020-000 SEC 23 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A LOT IN NE1/4 OF SE1/4
DESC AS BEG AT NE INTER OF
DALEVILLE & COPPINVILLE ROW &
OLD MT ZION ROW TO N 50 FT TH
NELY 100 FT TH S 80 FT TO ROAD TH
S 80 FT TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 51.98
PRINTER'S FEE: 47.45
TOTAL: 99.43

FLOWERS GEORGE
16-04-17-4-002-024-000 SEC 17 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A LOT SW 1/4 OF SE1/4
DESC AS FOL BEG 772' W OF SW COR
INT DOMINNEY & PITTMAN ST S 135'
W 140' FEET E 60' TO POB
TAX & COST: 34.53
PRINTER'S FEE: 63.93
TOTAL: 98.46

FLOWERS GEORGE & FLORINE
16-05-16-3-003-039-000 SEC 16 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E ONE LOT IN SW1/4 OF
SW1/4 DESC AS FOL BEG BEG S R/W
W BRUNSON AVE 80 FT NE OF E R/W
RAWLS ST TH NE 97 FT TH SE 137 FT
TH SW 97 FT TH NW 40 FT TH SW 10'
FT TH NW 97 FT TO POB
TAX & COST: 64.39
PRINTER'S FEE: 58.79
TOTAL: 123.18

FLOWERS GEORGE H
16-04-17-4-000-008-002 SEC 17 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E COM @ INT S R/W
DOMINNEY ST & EL NW 1/4 185(S) TO
SE 115(S) NE 230(S) S 98(S) E 180(S)
TO POB
TAX & COST: 59.85
PRINTER'S FEE: 22.25
TOTAL: 82.10

FLOWERS GEORGE H & FLORINE
16-04-17-4-002-044-000 SEC 17 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A LOT SE1/4 OF NW1/4
DESC AS FOL BEG 93' E NE INT OF
RAWLS ST & PITTMAN ST 77' NE
124' SE 117' W 114' TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 78.87
PRINTER'S FEE: 41.15
TOTAL: 120.02

FLOWERS GEORGE H & FLORINE
16-04-17-4-002-063-000 SEC 17 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E LOT IN S 1/2 OF NE 1/4
DESC AS FOL BEG AT INT OF PITTMAN
& DONALD ST & RUN SE 202' TH W
RAWLS ST 231.37' TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 34.14
PRINTER'S FEE: 35.48
TOTAL: 69.62

FLOWERS GEORGE H & FLORINE
16-04-17-4-003-010-000 SEC 17 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E ONE LOT IN NE1/4 OF
SE1/4 DESC AS FOL BEG ON S R/W
DAMASCUS RD 130' W OF W R/W
RAWLS ST & RUN SE 300' TH N 147'
NW 200' TH E 110' TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 200.11
PRINTER'S FEE: 43.04
TOTAL: 243.15

GILLIS WILLIE MAE D
16-01-11-4-003-012-013 SEC 11 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E LOT 21 B LK H
DEERFIELD PARK S/D PB 323 6TH ADD
WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 474.28
PRINTER'S FEE: 26.03
TOTAL: 500.31

GLOVER GINGER E
16-03-08-2-000-044-000 SEC 08 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E LOT 26 B L C 1ST ADD
WILLOW BEND SUBD
TAX & COST: 64.39
PRINTER'S FEE: 17.21
TOTAL: 81.60

GLOVER JACKIE L & PENNY
16-05-16-4-001-005-000 SEC 16 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A LOT IN NW1/4 OF SE1/4
DESC AS FOL BEG AT A PT 298' NE OF
INT OF W LINE OF SAID 40' & S E LEE
ST CONT NE 92' SE 160.7' S 113.2' SW 80'
NW 197.3' TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 132.44
PRINTER'S FEE: 49.34
TOTAL: 181.78

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GRANTHAM DON
16-05-16-4-001-046-000 SEC 16 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A LOT IN NW1/4 OF SE1/4
DESC AS FOL BEG AT INT OF W R/W
OF BAKER ST & S R/W OF WEST
WATTS, TH S 360(S) TO POB TH NWLY
140' TH S 370' TH W 200' TH S 30' TH W
116' TH E'S HIGHLAND RD TH NELY
151' TO POB SAID LOT CONT 2.2 AC NW
OF LOT 3 B LK G CONT 2.2 AC WITH
IMPS
TAX & COST: 315.90
PRINTER'S FEE: 60.68
TOTAL: 376.58

GREENWOOD WILLIE L & LADIE C
16-05-21-2-003-032-000 SEC 21 TWSHP.
4N RGE 22E A LOT IN SE1/4 OF SE1/4
DESC AS FOL BEG 105' N NW COR
HILDRETH ST & GENEVA ST 100' N 105'
E 200' S 105' TO POB WITH IMPS
TAX & COST: 94.82
PRINTER'S FEE: 39.26
TOTAL: 134.08

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4N RGE 22E ONNI SUBD 1ST ADDN
ST & ELY OF BELL ST SW 102(S) TO
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Miss - (left) - 2nd runner-up - Deanna Carnley, Enterprise; (center) Winner - Heather Mitchell, Skipperville; (right) - 1st runner-up - Staci Sullivan, Opp;



Little Miss - (left) 1st runner-up - Marci Bess, Opp; (Center) - Winner - Summer Parker, Zion Chapel; (right) - 2nd runner-up - Kynu Coleman, Elba



Tot Miss - (left) - 1st runner-up - Bethany McWaters, New Brockton; (center) - Winner - Kari Briggs, Andalusia; (right) - 2nd runner-up - Reba Savannah Reese, Florida

The 1998 Tri-County Sweetheart Pageant was sponsored by Elba Masonic Lodge # 170



Jr. Miss - (left) - 2nd runner-up - Lacy Strickland, Enterprise; (center) - Winner - Heather Danley - Jack; (right) - 1st runner-up - Laura Graham - Jack



Mini Miss - (left) - 1st runner-up - Danielle Hines, New Brockton; (center) 2nd runner-up - Lauren McClug, Andalusia; (right) - Winner - Susan Marie Keith, Opp;



Tiny Miss - (left) - Winner - Kayla LaPata, Ft. Rucker; (center) - 1st runner-up - Shelby Lolley, Enterprise; (right) 2nd runner-up - Olivia Hudson, Troy



Baby Miss - (l-r) - 1st runner-up - Makaylah Chandler, Elba; 2nd runners-up - Hannah Johnson, Enterprise, and Kendall Boswell, New Brockton; Winner - Makenzie Wambles, Jack

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City regrouping from flood, help promised

At press time, local government officials, federal officials, and emergency personnel were still assessing the damage caused by the flood of 1998.

The City of Elba lost all of its downtown facilities, as did many businesses located in and around the town's square.

Elba Mayor James Grimes, City Clerk Donnie Morrow, and all department heads were making plans Tuesday to relocate all city administrative offices.

According to Morrow, plans are to set up city offices (city hall) in the recreation facilities (old Army Reserve Center) located on Claxton Avenue.

All activities, including disaster relief efforts, of the city will be coordinated through the offices on Claxton Avenue. Directions to state and federal officials (ADECA, FEMA and EMA) will also be provided at these offices.

Morrow pointed out several essential bits of information that the citizens of Elba should know. They are as follows:

- Before any electrical service can be restored to a residence or business that was flooded, it will be necessary to provide the electrical department with certification that the wiring has been inspected and deemed safe by a qualified electrician.

- The water in Elba should be safe; however, residences that were flooded should exercise caution by boiling any water that will be drunk. The water in areas not flooded should be safe for drinking.

- Extreme caution should be used in traveling the streets of Elba until the extent of the damage caused by the flooding can be determined.

- Cleaning supplies, upon their



Leo Johnson and Dennis Coleman, Water Department employee and supervisor, respectively, spent a good part of the day Monday assisting in the survey of damage in the flooded downtown area.

arrival, will be made available at city hall (Rec Center on Claxton) via the American Red Cross.

Supplies began arriving Tuesday night, when a truck from Blairsville, Ga., sent contributions from residents of that area. Cleaning supplies, paper goods, diapers, food, and used clothing were among the items sent.

Damage assessment has already begun within the flood damaged areas and will become more intense in the next few days.

Alabama Gov. Fob James was in town both Sunday and Monday and

pledged state assistance. Monday, he surveyed the downtown area by helicopter, and was accompanied by Jimmy Butts, director of the state Department of Transportation; Lee Helms, director of the state Emergency Management Agency; and Jean D. Davis of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

U.S. Rep. Terry Everett also was in Elba Monday, and pledged to work for federal assistance. President Bill Clinton has designated much of Southeast Alabama a disaster area.

Both Mayor Grimes and City Clerk Morrow emphasized the fact that city officials are not only concerned with getting the municipality back into operation, but that assisting residents and businesses is of the highest priority, too.

According to Coffee County EMA Director Charles Webb, a hotline has been established for reporting residential and small business losses.

That number is 1-800-462-9029. By calling this number, individuals and businesses will be assured of being contacted by FEMA.

Residents barely escape rising flood waters

Marsh climbed to safety on roof of Vaughan home

When Beaver Dam Creek broke through the levee and flooded downtown Elba Sunday morning, several people were trapped and had to be rescued by large trucks or boats.

Sian Marsh tells a scary story of what happened after his vehicle stalled Sunday morning in the onrushing flood waters. When he and his wife were leaving his downtown office with cars loaded with insurance records, they unknowingly drove right into the rush of flood waters.

He tells of wading back to the house of the late Mrs. Oscar Vaughan Sr., getting on the porch and breaking a window to get inside, thinking he was entering a two story house. Somewhere in the ordeal he was joined by two women - he thinks they were from Montgomery. They begged him not to break the window, saying, "Surely mister, the police will put us all in jail."

Finding there was no second story, he and the two women went

back into the water, and put a stool on top of a table, in a successful effort to get on top of the house.

Marsh said he had staked out a tree for himself if this failed, but didn't think the women could ever get up there. The women pushed him up on the rooftop and he in turn pulled them onto the roof. The three of them stayed there until rescuers came by on boats to take them out to safety. One of the women somehow suffered a severe cut on her foot as she was getting off the rooftop.

Marsh said the people in the first boat which passed waved at them, which was fine, because they were reasonably safe and could hear people in several directions crying out for help. The second boat to come by rescued them. He was apologetic in saying he can't even remember who got them out.

Adding to his worries was the unknown status of his wife, Deloris, who started driving out just ahead of him, but by a slightly different route. After getting on top of the house, he could see her car stalled a couple of blocks away, but

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Flood claims 2 lives

Rising flood waters claimed the lives of two young Elba citizens early Sunday morning.

Tanya Tyson was driving with her mother, brother, and two small children to check on a cousin. As they drove over the levee toward the bypass on Taylor Mill Road, their car was swept off the road and was quickly submerged.

"We topped the hill and it was too late," Tyson said. "The current took the car."

Members of the community who heard the family shouting for help pulled three of them from the car. Edward Horstead, who was Tyson's 17-year-old brother, drowned. So did Tyson's daughter, 4-year-old Marquindale Thigpen. Lillian Horstead is Tyson's mother.

"I was in the car and the water was up to here," she said, holding a finger under her chin. "I didn't know what to think."

Horstead doesn't swim. "No, Lord," she said. "I wouldn't have been so scared if I could swim."

She said she never worried that the rescuers wouldn't pull her out. "I was hollering too much for them to leave me," she said. "One of the boys from the neighborhood saved me," she said, indicating 16-year-old Shunta Sams.

Sams said he didn't stop to think when he heard the victims shouting for help.



Tanya Tyson gives an unidentified child a bottle at the Red Cross shelter. Tucker and her son, left, were rescued from a submerged car.

around the waist and pulled her free. His sister, Kecia Sams, and Eddie Tyson and "Big Daddy" Tyson, also helped rescue the three survivors.

At that time, the water, which Sams described as "over my head," was almost covering the car.

"The current was running past fast," Sams said. After being pulled free, Horstead went back to her mobile home, to get dry clothes.

"It was cold," she said, adding that neither her home nor her daughter's flooded, although they

Flood waters ravage downtown Elba area for third time in 69 years

Not again!

Many Elba residents who survived the 1990 flood thought it was a once-in-a-lifetime thing. They were wrong.

Sunday morning, March 8, 1998, was another of those infamous days of which continue to haunt Elba. The levee broke shortly after nine a.m. and flooded downtown Elba with as much as six feet of water. This time the

Following the 1929 flood, this creek was rerouted around the then-populated area of town and the levee constructed. Sunday morning, the surging waters tore through the obstructing barrier, possibly looking for its old home bed. It is a fact that the creek ripped out two large holes in the levee right where the creek was turned sharply to the right and around Elba. water. This time the

Three times, downtown Elba has been flooded, and each time it was in March. The dates were:

- March 15, 1929
- March 17, 1990
- March 8, 1998

It is just off Hickman Avenue, to the right past Dorsey Trailers. Beaver Dam Creek.

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This photo shows the two places at which the levee was broken by the swollen waters of Beaver Dam Creek west of Elba on Sunday morning.

Temporary headquarters established

A number of organizations were in the process of setting up in temporary locations when The Elba Clipper went to press early Wednesday morning.

CITY SERVICES

- City Hall - Recreation Center (old Army Reserve) on Claxton Avenue.
- Elba Police Department - Elba Airport.

POST OFFICE

- The Elba Post Office will open in Dr. Williams' old office located on Drayton St. just off Highland Drive

BANKS

- The Peoples Bank is locating in temporary facilities next to Jim Cook Ford on U. S. Hwy. 84W;
- SouthTrust Bank is locating in temporary facilities in parking lot of present facility.

RELIEF SERVICES

- FEMA Toll Free Number 1-800-462-9029;
- Red Cross is headquartered at Elba Assembly of God Church on Highland Drive with roving units. The Red Cross also is operating a shelter in Elba Elementary School, and has provided meals from Hayes Funeral Home.

- The Salvation Army is located at the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue and in the old Windham Power Lifts site on Hickman Avenue.
- LP Gas Relief Van located on Smith Avenue at AL Hwy. 125 and AL Hwy. 203.